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1. CYRIL MAGNIN, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OTHER SAN FRANCISCO REPS, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR TODAY TO DISCUSS REF SUBJECT. AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED (REF C), MR. MAGNIN STATED ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN WORKED OUT WITH MINCULTURE RE SENDING EXHIBIT TO SAN FRANCISCO AS SEVENTH STOP. MINCULTURE HAD ASKED FOR LETTER STATING USG HAS NO OBJECTION. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN FINALIZED, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT FROM USG POINT OF VIEW, WE REGARD SEVENTH STOP AS PRIVATE MATTER BETWEEN GOE AND SAN FRANCISCO. AS MR. MAGNIN WOULD APPRECIATE, WE MUST TAKE SUCH POSITION IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY SUGGESTION OF USG DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN OR AMONG AMERICAN CITY CLAIMANTS. AS HE PERHAPS KNEW, BOSTON AND UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA ALSO UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT EXHIBIT. (CAO ADVISES THAT KELLY SIMPSON OF BOSTON MUSEUM TODAY DISCUSSED WITH SAN FRANCISCO REPS POSSIBILITY OF EXHIBIT BEING SHARED WITH BOSTON, BUT WAS TURNED DOWN.) IN THIS CONTEXT, AND IN EFFORT TO BE
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HELPFUL, AMBASSADOR GAVE MAGNIN LETTER ADDRESSED TO MINCULTURE EL SAWI, SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF WHICH FOLLOW:

2. QUOTE: I UNDERSTAND FROM MR. CYRIL MAGNIN THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO WHEREBY THE

GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT AGREES THAT THE TUTANKHAMEN EXHIBIT WILL BE SENT TO SAN FRANCISCO AFTER ITS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FINAL METROPOLITAN MUSEUM STOP IN NEW YORK CITY. IF THIS IS THE WISH OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CERTAINLY HAS NO OBJECTION. WE ARE AWARE OF THE GREAT SUCCESS THAT THE TUTANKHAMEN EXHIBIT HAS HAD IN THE UNITED STATES AND ARE PLEASED THAT A GREATER NUMBER OF PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE IT. THIS IS SOLELY A MATTER FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT TO DECIDE.

AS I INDICATED TO YOU LAST WEEK, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL TUTANKHAMEN EXHIBIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE THE SAN FRANCISCO STOP. ADDITIONALLY, THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HANDLING OF THE EXHIBIT DURING THE SAN FRANCISCO PHASE SHOULD BE WORKED OUT AMONG THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT, THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM AND THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO IN A MANNER AGREEABLE TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. UNQUOTE

3. MR. MAGNIN INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF USG POSITION AND APPRECIATION FOR THE LETTER. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD SATISFY MINCULTURE. NOTING THAT DELEGATION IS CARRYING LETTER FROM MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO INVITING PRESIDENT SADAT TO ATTEND CLOSING OF EXHIBIT IN 1979, MR. MAGNIN INDICATED MINCULTURE HAD SUGGESTED LETTER MIGHT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT. IMPLICATION WAS THAT AMBASSADOR SHOULD ARRANGE MEETING. AMBASSADOR AGREED IT WOULD BE NICE IF MR. MAGNIN COULD DELIVER THE LETTER PERSONALLY, BUT SAID HE COULD NOT HIMSELF ARRANGE MEETING. THIS WOULD BE VIEWED BY OTHER CLAIMANT CITIES AS FAVORITISM AND WOULD GENERATE REQUESTS THAT SIMILAR MEETINGS BE ARRANGED WITH THE PRESIDENT TO ALLOW OTHER CITY REPS TO MAKE THEIR CASE. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED INSTEAD THAT, SINCE MINCULTURE SEEMED TO THINK IT WAS A GOOD IDEA, EL SAWI OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. MR. MAGNIN INDICATED UNDERSTANDING AND SAID HE THOUGHT THE MINISTER WILL TRY TO DO SO.

4. MINCULTURE HAD APPARENTLY GIVEN SAN FRANCISCO REPS EARFUL ABOUT ALLEGED INEQUITIES OF METROPOLITAN IN HANDLING EXHIBIT. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THERE WERE TWO SIDES TO THE QUESTION. MINISTRY CULTURE, FOLLOWING EL SAWI'S ASSUMPTION THAT POSITION, ALSO SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISAGREEMENT THAT HAS ARISEN, SINCE IT HAS CHANGED SOME OF ORIGINALLY AGREED UPON GROUND RULES UNDER WHICH MET WAS HANDLING EXHIBIT. HE ADVISED SF REPS STAY OUT OF THIS CONTROVERSY.

5. MR. MAGNIN AND COLLEAGUES INDICATED SAN FRANCISCO WILL ASSUME
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL HANDLING OF EXHIBIT AFTER MET
SHOWING IS COMPLETED.
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